

REMARKS

Claims 1-50 remain in the application.

The Examiner objected to claim 36 because "said beamformer" lacked antecedent in the claim. As stated below, claim 36 has been amended and, in that amendment, the phrase "to said beamformer" has been removed.

A technical correction has been made in claim 44. In particular, the term "time interval" has been altered to "time window" to provide an antecedent to this latter term in dependent claims 47 and 48.

The Examiner allowed claims 23-28 and 44-50 and stated that claims 14 and 37 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all base and intervening claims.

Accordingly, claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form with claims 10-13 and 15-22 amended to depend from claim 14. In addition, claim 10 has been amended to recite limitations similar to those recited in original claim 37. Claims 10-22 are therefore in condition for allowance.

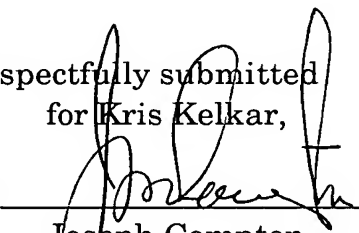
Claim 37 has also been rewritten in independent form with claims 36 and 38-43 amended to depend from claim 37. In addition, claim 36 has been amended to recite limitations similar to those recited in original claim 14. Claims 36-43 are therefore in condition for allowance.

In addition, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite limitations that include those recited in original claim 14. Claim 1 therefore patentably distinguishes over the cited art and because claims 2-9 add further limitations, they also patentably distinguish over the cited art. Claims 1-9 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 29 has been amended to recite limitations that include those recited in original claim 37. Claim 29 therefore patentably distinguishes over the cited art and because claims 30-35 add further limitations, they also patentably distinguish over the cited art. Claims 29-35 are therefore in condition for allowance.

Because they make no substantive changes in originally-filed language, these claim amendments are unrelated to statutory requirements for patentability and do not, therefore, narrow the scope of the claims.

Applicant therefore request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections and an early allowance of claims 1-22 and 29-43 to thereby join already-allowed claims 23-28 and 44-50.

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